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AMENDMENT(S) TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A tangle free fishing pole, comprising:

a fish pole having a plurality of fishing line guides mounted to an exterior surface of said fish pole including a first line guide positioned on a distal end of said fish pole, a second line guide and a third line guide each positioned on said exterior surface apart from said first line guide said fish pole having a first flexibility; and

a fishing line containment apparatus installed through at least two of said plurality of fishing line guides;

wherein said fishing line containment apparatus, includes:

an elongated tube disposed through said first line guide, said second line guide and said third line guide, said elongated tube having a second flexibility, said second flexibility greater than said first flexibility; and

two captivating devices each having at least one annular ring, one of said two captivating devices detachably connected to an end of said elongated tube, an other of said two captivating devices detachably connected to an other end of said elongated tube, said two captivating devices being in the same plane as said elongated tube.

2. (cancelled)

3. (previously presented) The fishing pole of claim 1, wherein said elongated tube is flexible.

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4. (previously presented) The fishing pole of claim 1, wherein said elongated tube is made of at least one of plastic, vinyl, fiberglass, rubber, graphite and metal.

5. (previously presented) The fishing pole of claim 1, wherein said elongated tube is a coiled spring.

6. (previously presented) The fishing pole of claim 1, wherein said two captivating devices each comprise a ferrule having annular rings on an exterior surface, said ferrule having a shoulder on an end thereof.

7. (original) The fishing pole of claim 6, wherein each said shoulder is somewhat larger in diameter than said fishing line guides.

8. (original) The fishing pole of claim 1, further comprising a lead line for withdrawable insertion through said fishing line containment apparatus.

9. (original) The fishing pole of claim 1, further comprising a fishing reel, said fishing line containment apparatus extending to said fishing reel.

10. (currently amended) An enhancement kit for a fishing pole with line guides mounted exterior to the fishing pole, the fishing pole having a first flexibility, comprising:

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an elongated tube configured to be disposed through an opening in each of at least two fishing line guides, said elongated tube having a first end and a second end said elongated tube  
5 having a second flexibility, said second flexibility greater than said first flexibility; and  
two captivating devices each having at least one annular ring, said two captivating devices  
including a first captivating device removably connectable to said first end and a second  
captivating device removably connectable to said second end.

11. (original) The kit of claim 10, wherein said elongated tube is flexible.

12. (original) The kit of claim 10, wherein said elongated tube is made of at least one of plastic, vinyl, fiberglass, rubber, graphite and metal.

13. (original) The kit of claim 10, wherein said elongated tube is a coiled spring.

14. (original) The kit of claim 10, wherein said two captivating devices each comprise a ferrule having annular rings on an exterior surface, said ferrule having a shoulder on an end thereof.

15. (previously presented) The kit of claim 14, wherein each said shoulder is somewhat larger in diameter than said opening of said fishing line guides.

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16. (original) The kit of claim 10, further comprising a lead line for withdrawable insertion through said elongated tube and said at least two captivating devices.

17. (original) The kit of claim 10, further comprising a fishing reel, said elongated tube extending to said reel, one of said captivating devices captivating said elongated tube to said fishing reel.

18. (currently amended) A method of enhancing a fishing rod, comprising the steps of:  
providing a fishing rod having a plurality of fishing line guides including a first fishing line guide, a second fishing line guide and a third fishing line guide, said fishing rod having a first flexibility;

5       positioning flexible tubing through said second fishing line guide between said first fishing line guide and said third fishing line guide ~~at least two of said plurality of fishing line guides~~, said flexible tubing having a second flexibility, said second flexibility greater than said first flexibility; and

10       removably installing two captivating devices each including at least one annular ring, one said captivating device at each of two ends of said flexible tubing, one of said two captivating devices being proximate to said first fishing line guide and another of said two captivating devices proximate to said third fishing line guide, said flexible tubing in contact with said annular rings.

19. (original) The method of claim 18, further comprising the steps of:

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inserting said flexible tubing through at least one of said plurality of fishing line guides;  
and  
using a lead line to thread a fishing line through one said captivating device, said flexible  
5 tubing and an other said captivating device.

20. (previously presented) The fishing pole of claim 1, wherein said elongated tube is  
positioned along side said exterior surface of said fish pole.

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